FISCAL NOTE

SB 2161 - HB 2242

January 24, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Changes the date for implementation of the child care agency report card and rated licensing system from no later than August 1, 2001 to no later than August 1, 2003. The report card system is currently in effect and operated by the Department of Human Services. A child care agency could voluntarily post its rating prior to October 1, 2004 and the posting would become mandatory after that date. The bill changes the date from August 1, 2001 to August 1, 2003 for increased payments to child care agencies voluntarily participating in the system and that exceed licensing requirements as determined by the department. A report to the legislature by the department and the Commission on Children and Youth is delayed from January 15, 2003 to January 15, 2005.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - Decrease Federal Expenditures - \$9,700,000

Delaying the implementation of the increased subsidy payments to higher rated agencies will decrease expenditures from the Federal Child Care Development fund by \$9.7 million.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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